MR. I. C. CHACKO: It is being maintained.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Is it under proper maintenance?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: As much as is possible with the available grant.

Road from Alleppey northwards to the frontier.

218. ***MR. XAVIER VINCENT** (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the necessity to construct a road along the sea beach from Alleppey northwards to the frontier;

(*b*) whether there is any proposal before them regarding the construction of the road; and

(*c*) if there is, in what stage it is?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Mavelikara—Tiruvalla road.

219 ***MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any amount has been sanctioned to raise the level of the road at the 7 5/8 mile on the Mavelikara—Tiruvalla road; and

(*b*) whether this portion of the road does not become constantly submerged under water during the monsoon floods?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, for some days during the rainy season.

Punaloor Paper Mills.

220 ***MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN** (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state the percentage of paper produced in Punaloor Mills available for consumption in Travancore?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN (*Controller of Stationery and Printing*): 70 per cent.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether 70 per cent will be sufficient for Travancore consumption?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: It is estimated to be sufficient, Sir.

Alwaye-Koonemmavoo Road.

221 ***MR. E. K. MADHAVAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken up the works regarding the Alwaye-Koonemmavoo road and if so, how far it has proceeded, and if not, why not?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes. The work is in progress.

Road from Aruvikara to Vellanad.

222 ***MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a road has been surveyed from Aruvikara to Vellanad in the Nedumangad taluk;

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[Mr. P. S. Nataraja Pillai.]

(*b*) the distance of that road ;

(*c*) the distance between Vellanad and Aruvikara along the existing roads; and

(*d*) why the construction of the proposed road is being delayed ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 2 miles and 1500 ft.

(*c*) About 9 miles *via* Nedumangad.

(*d*) As the people have not done the earth work and surrendered the required lands in accordance with the Ryots Road Rules.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: When was this road surveyed?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: About three years ago.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: At whose instance was it surveyed? Was it at the request of the people or at the instance of the Government?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: At the instance of the people.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Was there a memorial to the effect?

MR I. C. CHACKO: Yes.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Is it the view of Government that roads would be opened only when the ryots surrender the lands, even if it is to develop the country ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: It is a local need, and as far as this particular road is concerned, it has been decided that it should be opened by the people.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Is it a local need or the opening of a big area in that part of the country that would be done by constructing this road ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: It is a local need.

Kumarakom-Vetchoor Road.

223 ***MR. V. MADHAVAN** (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any sanctioned scheme for the completion of the Kumarakom-Vetchoor road and how long will it take to complete the same ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: No.

Trace between Kattuchanthai and Ponganad.

224 ***MR. K. A. MATHEW:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps to complete the trace between Kattuchanthai in Karavaram pakuthi and Ponganad in Chirayinkil taluk?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Only some preliminary investigation has been conducted.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the honourable member say whether he is convinced that the trace is necessary ?

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